MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

First Class Magistrate's Court for Nedumangad.

208. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of criminal cases pending before the Trivandrum First Class Magistrate's Court from the jurisdiction of the Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware that a First Class Magistrate's Court is required in Nedumangad; and

(*c*) whether the Munsiff of Nedumangad be invested with First Class Magistrate's powers?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Calendar cases	...	26
P. E. cases	...	4
Miscellaneous cases	...	9
Total		39

(*b*) They do not think so.

(*c*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member, whether the Munsiff at Nedumangad was once invested with First Class Magistrate's powers?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member, when that power was invested with the Munsiff, whether there was a sufficient number of cases on the file of the First Class Magistrate's Court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether there are demands from the public of Nedumangad that a First Class Magistrate's Court must be established there?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There may be.

Nomination of members to the Text-Book Committee.

209. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the number of members nominated to the newly constituted Text-Book Committee?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state;

(i) whether nomination is based on communal representation; and

(ii) whether there used to be Muslim members in the Text-Book Committee on previous occasions?

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(c) (i) Are the Government aware of the fact that Islam and the Holy Prophet are very often scandalised and maliciously treated by non-Muslim authors and writers ?

(ii) Were the Government forced to take action against some of these worthless publications ?

(iii) If so, how many times and against how many books did they take action ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(a)	Brahmins	...	4
	Nairs	...	7
	Christians	...	7
	Europeans	...	2
	Anglo-Indian	...	1
	Ezhava	...	1
	Vellala	...	1
	Mudaliyar	...	1
	Kshatriya	...	1
	Total	...	25

(b) (i) No.

(ii) Yes.

(c) (i) Yes. There was unfortunately one such instance in the past.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Once, only against one book.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : In regard to the answer to part (b) (i), if the nomination is not based on communal representation, may I know what is the meaning of nominating from all other communities except the Muslim community ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I do not think that all the other communities are represented. I can think of several communities not represented on the Board.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : All the important communities are represented. The Muslim community though a minority community is an important community which has not been represented on the Board.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : On a point of order. The member is giving information and not at all seeking it.

PRESIDENT : He wants to know why a Muslim was not appointed.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether there are not Arabic Munshies in the institutions ?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, there are.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether Muslim gentlemen who are well versed in Arabic would be better suited in the matter of prescribing text-books in Arabic ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The text-books are not prescribed by this Board.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will not such persons be better suited to prescribe text-books?

PRESIDENT: That is a suggestion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is there any Committee authorised to prescribe text-books?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Board under discussion here is authorised only to make recommendations.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does not the Director of Public Instruction feel the need for a Muslim member on the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I may say Sir, that there are very few Arabic books that come before the Text-Book Committee. One Arabic text-book alone came before them and there are competent men in the department to advise.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Are there not competent men in the department to advise the Director of Public Instruction in the choice of other books, English and Malayalam?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That is so.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there was a Muslim member hitherto in the Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Mahomedan Inspector of Schools was at one time on the Committee.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason why a Muslim was not nominated this time?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There was no special reason other than the general reason given in answer to the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the reason for the existence of the Text-Book Committee if the members of the committee are not to prescribe text-books?

PRESIDENT: The answer was that they recommend certain books. That is their function.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the body or the person who is to prescribe text-books as a result of the recommendations of the Text-Book Committee?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Government.

Appointments in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

210. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many appointments were made in the office of the Director of Public Instruction during the first six months of the year 1109;

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